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(STOP)

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1. (U) EconOff delivered reftel talking points and STOP! fact sheet on October 24 to Salma Waheedi, Senior Economist at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy (MOFNE). Ms. Waheedi underscored Bahrain's commitment to ensuring a strong Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regime and its rigorous enforcement. She pointed to the IPR provisions of the recently signed U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement as evidence of that commitment.
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